

2009 Ameen, Honkala and Richards Young Historian Award

Presented by the Marquette County History Museum

The *Ameen, Honkala and Richards Young Historian Award* honors two students, grades 1st-12th living in Marquette County, who have demonstrated excellence in the exploration and preservation of local history through projects or acts of service. Awards will be presented at the Marquette County History Museum's annual meeting and award ceremony January 26, 2010 at the Landmark Inn.

Winners receive a cash scholarship. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded for secondary student, grades 6-12, and a \$200 scholarship for primary student grades 1-5. Both students will be honored on a permanent plaque inside the new museum. Projects will be archived in the J.M. Longyear Library. The deadline for entries is January 15, 2010. Read further to find out what you need to do to be eligible for this award.

How Do I Enter?

1. **Create a History Based Project** exploring a topic in local history. Your project may take any form, such as written and digital format, oral presentation, drama script and/or skit, short film, video or DVD project, music, exhibit, creative writing or visual art. You may also **provide an Act of Service** in your community that contributes to the preservation of local history, such as renovating or beautifying a historic structure or landmark, participating in a historical reenactment, oral history project, archaeological survey or participation in an organization or club that promotes history. Please be sure to follow the rules and guidelines. **Remember history didn't just happen 100 years ago. The 80's, 90's and even what happened yesterday are history too!**
2. Complete entry form.
3. Write a personal reflection. See requirements below.

Rules and Guidelines

- Projects must be the original work of the student.
- If entering an act of service you must provide documentation. *Documentation is only required of students entering an act of service.* Documentation may include a daily journal of experience, video, photographs, awards, newspaper articles etc. The personal reflection is NOT considered documentation. You must submit both a personal reflection and documentation.
- Project/Service must be relevant to history of Marquette County.
- Project/ Service must have been completed between September 2008 and January 15, 2010.
- One entry allowed per person
- No more than two students may collaborate on a single project. Each student must submit an entry form and personal reflection. Staple both together when submitting. Service projects are often completed with an organization. Make sure you describe your participation in the project.

- Projects must be submitted in an 8 ½ by 11 envelope. Large projects may be documented via video, photograph or photocopy. Just include a C.D., VHS, or photographs in envelope. Send or hand-deliver entry to: Marquette County History Museum, Young Historian Award, 213 N. Front St., Marquette, MI 49855.
- Entry must be received by January 15, 2010 by 5pm.

Personal Reflection

- Write a 250-500 word (handwritten or typed) summary of the project's background and development.
- Describe the project's inspiration or how you became involved.
- What research was involved, if any? For example, describe the research process and how it helped you to understand an event, individual, place or building.
- Describe how your project connects to local history. What is its significance to local history?
- Why does the project interest you?

Awards Committee

The awards committee is made up of teachers from Marquette County. Museum staff and members of the board may not review student entries or serve on the committee.

Judging Criteria

Submitted projects will be evaluated on the following: Is the content compelling, creative and well thought out? Is it historically accurate? Does it connect with local history? Preference will be given to projects/service that incorporate primary research. Winning projects will be notified by January 21, 2010

This annual award program is in honor of Bobbi Ameen, Maxine Honkala and Sharon Richards, who inspired a generation of students through the power of story. These remarkable teachers made American History come alive by connecting students with the stories of family members, friends and neighbors. Using primary sources students presented original writing and artwork in a publication entitled Red Dust. Red Dust taught us the value of local history and that young people can be leaders in historical preservation if given the opportunity. This year the Ameen, Honkala and Richards Young Historian Award is generously underwritten by Gregg Seiple from GHS Construction.

Please call if you have questions or need help finding a project. I am available Monday through Thursday from 10am - 5pm. Entry forms and guidelines are available at the Museum or via email. Good Luck!

Yours truly,

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